



SPECIAL OCCASION PERMITS – ELIGIBLE ENTITIES LIST

Special Occasion Permits may only be used for nine consecutive or nonconsecutive days and an additional ten consecutive days. One permit may be issued per calendar year to the following applicants:

A: These entities do not have to be organized under a certain section of the IRS Code:

- 1) City of the third class
- 2) Hospital
- 3) Church
- 4) Synagogue
- 5) Volunteer fire company
- 6) Volunteer ambulance company
- 7) Volunteer rescue squad
- 8) Unit of a nationally chartered club which has been issued a club liquor license
- 9) A club which has been issued a club liquor license and which, as of December 31, 2002, has been in existence for at least 100 years
- 10) Library
- 11) A nationally accredited Pennsylvania nonprofit zoological institution licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture
- 12) A nonprofit agricultural association in existence for at least ten years
- 13) A bona fide sportsmen's club in existence for at least ten years
- 14) A nationally chartered veterans' organization and any affiliated lodge or subdivision of such organization
- 15) A fraternal benefit society that is licensed to do business in this Commonwealth and any affiliated lodge or subdivision of such fraternal benefit society
- 16) A museum operated by a nonprofit corporation
- 17) A nonprofit corporation engaged in the performing arts



- 18) An arts council [which is defined in section 102 as “a tax-exempt organization which promotes the visual arts, performing arts or both and which receives funding under the Local Arts Services Program administered by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts”]
- 19) A nonprofit corporation that operates an arts facility or museum
- 20) A nonprofit economic development agency in a city of the second class with the primary function to serve as an economic generator for the greater southwestern Pennsylvania region by attracting and supporting film, television and related media industry projects and coordinating government and business offices in support of a production
- 21) A county tourist promotion agency as defined in section 2 of the act of July 4, 2008 (P.L. 621, No. 50), known as the “Tourism Promotion Act,”
- 22) A brewery which has been issued a license to manufacture malt or brewed beverages and has been in existence for at least 100 years
- 23) A club recognized by Rotary International and whose purpose is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards and to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders
- 24) A nonprofit radio station that is a member of the National Public Radio network
- 25) A nonprofit public television station that is a member of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network
- 26) Any nationally recognized community-based voluntary health organization committed to fighting cancer, which has been in existence for at least 100 years

B: This entity requires 501(c)(6):

- 1) Nonprofit organization as defined under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 whose purpose is to support business and industry

C: This entity requires 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6):

- 1) Nonprofit organization as defined under section 501(c)(3) or (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is located in a city of the third class in a county of the fifth class



D: A nonprofit organization as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986:

- 1) Whose purpose is to protect the architectural heritage of a municipality and which has been recognized as such by a resolution of the municipality
- 2) Whose purpose is to raise funds for the research and treatment of cystic fibrosis
- 3) Whose purpose is to educate the public on issues dealing with watershed conservation
- 4) Whose purpose is to provide equine assisted activities for children and adults with special needs
- 5) That is a junior league comprised of women whose purpose is exclusively educational and charitable in promoting the volunteerism of women and developing and participating in community projects and that has been in existence for over seventy years
- 6) Whose purpose is the education and promotion of American history
- 7) Whose purpose is to promote mushrooms while supporting local and regional charities
- 8) Whose main purpose is to temporarily foster stray and unwanted animals and match them to suitable permanent homes
- 9) Who operates either a Main Street Program or Elm Street Program recognized by the Commonwealth, the National Trust for Historic Preservation or both
- 10) Whose purpose is to promote awareness, education and research and to provide a support system for patients with neutropenia and their families through a national resource network
- 11) Whose purpose is to provide young people with a program to build character, to teach the responsibilities of citizenship and to develop personal fitness with a goal of creating future leaders
- 12) Whose main purpose is to assist children and their families who are facing financial hardship due to the death of a parent
- 13) Whose purpose is to allocate funds for research to expedite a cure achromatopsia



- 14) That is responsible for providing services to members of the armed forces of the United States and relief to disaster victims in the United States and abroad
- 15) Any neighborhood improvement district management association as defined in section 3 of the act of December 20, 2000 (P.L. 949, No. 130), known as the "Neighborhood Improvement District Act,"

E: A nonprofit organization as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (these 501(c)(3)s also have location requirements):

- 1) Conducting a regatta in a city of the second class with the permit to be used on State park grounds or conducting a family-oriented celebration as part of Welcome America in a city of the first class on property leased from that city for more than fifty years
- 2) A museum operated by a not-for-profit corporation in a city of the second class A
- 3) Which is located in a city of the second class A and has as its purpose economic and community development
- 4) That is a social service organization located in a county of the third class whose purpose is to serve individuals and families in that county of the third class
- 5) Whose main purpose is to stimulate community development by facilitating residential and retail growth in a city of the second class located in a county of the second class
- 6) That is community development corporation that serves an adjoining borough and township in a county of the second class and whose main purpose is to facilitate commercial development and foster neighborhood stabilization
- 7) That is located in a city of the first class, was organized as a community development organization to promote health, safety and welfare of the residents, businesses and institutions of a neighborhood of a city of the first class, and whose works include public promotions, neighborhood improvement projects and commercial corridor improvements, including a business improvement district
- 8) Located in a city of the first class whose purpose is to support initiatives to enrich the lives of children, teens and families especially those in need, to reach their full potential as productive and responsible citizens and has been in existence for at least seventy-five years
- 9) Located in a city of the second class and incorporated as a nonprofit in 1982 that offers adult education and family literacy



- 10) Located in a city of the third class and county of the sixth class, whose purpose is primary and secondary education and educational ministry of the Diocese of Erie
- 11) Located in a county of the fourth class that had a population between 142,000 and 144,000 based on the 2010 Decennial Census of the Bureau of the Census and provides rewards for information that leads to the arrest of individuals that may have committed a crime
- 12) Which is located in a city of the third class in a county of the fifth class whose mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities and the families of the individuals through advocacy, education, support and socialization and that has been in existence for over sixty years.

NOTE: One auxiliary of any of the foregoing is eligible for a Special Occasion Permit.

NOTE: This list is inclusive of all changes to the Special Occasion Permit eligibility list included in Act 116 of 2019.